

HOUSE RESOLUTION 33

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brenda Lawson on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Lawson is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Lawson is founder of Lawson and Associates, co-founder of two rent-to-own businesses and a deferred presentment business, and owner and chief executive officer of several diverse companies across the nation, and she and her husband are owners of Spring Creek Development; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT) and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), Mrs. Lawson serves as a member of the UT Development Council, the Executive Committee of Alliance for Women Philanthropists, the UTC Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Advisory Board for the College of Business, and she is the chair of a capital funds campaign for Tennessee Christian Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Lawson has received the Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award, Chamber Free Enterprise Award, Service to Mankind Award, and UTC College of Business Entrepreneurial Honor, in addition to being named the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cleveland, Brenda Lawson is deeply involved in her community, serving on the Public Education Foundation, as president of Cleveland 100, as past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and as past United Way Campaign co-chair; she also founded Creating Christmas Memories and DiaperLove of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Stan, and their children, Steve McKenzie, Ashley Wallace, and Zach Lawson, and grandson, Tripp; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Brenda Lawson takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Brenda Lawson who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brenda Lawson on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.